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REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 14-35.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as being unpatentable over Grable, U.S. Patent No. 5,692,511.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to positively recite inside surface structures in the container adapted to trap light reflected from the breast. Grable does not disclose the problem of scattered reflective light from the breast. Grable is entirely silent regarding the need for anti-reflection. Grable does not disclose the inside surfaces of the scanning chamber 22 as being provided with structures adapted to trap light reflected from the breast.

In view of the above, it is asserted that claims 1-13 are patentable over the cited references and are asserted to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejection is respectfully requested and an early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

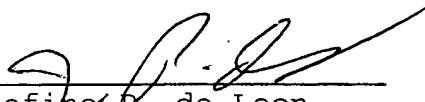
Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three(3) months through September 23, 2004, in order to timely file this amendment. A check in the amount of \$475.00 is attached herewith for the extension fee.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2105 for any additional fees required to be paid in connection with this submission.

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